



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 284

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AN ACT CREATING A CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION TASK FORCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a childhood
2 immunization task force. Said task force shall develop a plan to: (1)
3 Maintain access to high-quality immunizations for children in the
4 state, (2) determine how to respond to recommendations by the
5 National Centers for Disease Control for new childhood
6 immunizations not currently provided by the state immunization
7 program administered by the Department of Public Health, (3)
8 implement a program permitting health care providers who
9 administer vaccines to children under the federal Vaccines for
10 Children program to select, and the Department of Public Health to
11 provide, vaccines licensed by the federal Food and Drug
12 Administration and encourage a sufficient number of such health care
13 providers to participate in such program, and (4) determine how best
14 to cover the cost of a universal immunization program for children in
15 the state.

16 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

17 (1) Two representatives of the pharmaceutical industry, one each
18 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and the
19 president pro tempore of the Senate;

20 (2) Two representatives of the insurance industry, one each
21 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives and
22 the majority leader of the Senate;

23 (3) Two representatives of the American Academy of Pediatrics, one
24 each appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives
25 and the minority leader of the Senate;

26 (4) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
27 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
28 relating to public health;

29 (5) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
30 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
31 relating to human services;

32 (6) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
34 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies;

35 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
36 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
37 relating to insurance;

38 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
39 designee;

40 (9) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

41 (10) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
42 designee;

43 (11) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
44 secretary's designee;

45 (12) An employee of the Department of Public Health, appointed by
46 the Commissioner of Public Health, responsible for immunizations;
47 and

48 (13) A representative of a life insurance company authorized to do
49 business in this state, appointed by the Insurance Commissioner.

50 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
51 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy of an
52 appointed membership shall be filled by the appointing authority.

53 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
54 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task
55 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
56 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held
57 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

58 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
59 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
60 health and the staff of the Office of Legislative Research shall serve as
61 administrative staff of the task force.

62 (f) Not later than January 1, 2013, the task force shall submit a report
63 on its findings and recommendations, including recommendations for
64 legislation, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
65 having cognizance of matters relating to public health, human services,
66 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and insurance, in
67 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
68 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
69 January 1, 2013, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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APP Joint Favorable Subst.